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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. [redacted] the re-assignment order for officers had been cancelled and [redacted] the officers will have their families join them. Preparatory measures for the quartering of dependents in the hospital were made. Beds were erected in the low temporary buildings. Preparations for the quartering of families were also made in Juterbog II. 25X1

2. On 16 November, 3 armored scout cars, 3 armored personnel carriers and several motorcycles, and, on 21 and 25 November, 6-8 T-34 tanks, were seen moving along the road behind the hospital toward the woods. 25X1

3. Between 17 and 27 November, about 80 to 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in training on the drill grounds at Damm airfield almost daily.

4. On 20 November, Damm Flugplatz was occupied to capacity. After 8 November, recruits with red-bordered black epaulets received basic training in the barracks area. [redacted] during the nights of several days in mid-November, trained personnel were observed by truck on the Jueterbog-Altes Lager railroad station. Between 1 and 20 November, 6 or 8 8-cm field guns were repeatedly seen moving to the training grounds for firing practice. The guns would return at dusk. Soldiers were seen in gun drill in front of the gun sheds and engaged in loading practice with 6 to 8 37-mm AA guns in the barracks area almost daily. On 7 November, about 180 soldiers and a band marched out of the installation toward Jueterbog, with some of the soldiers carrying wreaths. On 25 November, 9 armored vehicles left the installation, proceeding toward town. Between 23 and 27 November, at least one column of about 6 trucks loaded with disassembled barracks sections and boards was seen entering the installation daily. [redacted] 25X1

5. On 23 November, the former Russian [redacted] quartered about 300 to 500 troops who were red-bordered black epaulets. There was still heavy traffic of officers. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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6. On 23 November, Stalag No I was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. On 17, 19 and 23 November, 5 rocket launchers covered with tarpaulins were seen in the billeting area. Troops received drill. 25X1 were identified at this installation:

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7. On 23 November, Stalag No IX was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. On 13, 18 and 23 November, troops were seen at fatigue duty and technical work on two radio trucks in the billeting area. On 13 November, truck 25X1 occupied by about 3[illegible] soldiers with practice targets, moved out of the camp toward the target range.

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8. Between 9 and 23 November, the Forst Zinna troop training grounds were placed off limits. On 9 and 11 November, about 50 soldiers who had come from the Adolf Hitler Camp in Forst Zinna practiced firing toward Mehlsdorf with 3 57-mm AT guns. Six trucks stood nearby. On 12 November, 28 trucks, 6 AT guns, 1 field kitchen, 10 tents and about 120 soldiers were observed in Forest Section No 40. On 12 and 13 November, 6 AT guns in the emplacements in Forest Section No 45 southwest of the Wall fired toward Mehlsdorf for about 4 hours daily. At about 3:30 p.m. on 13 November, the unit returned toward Juterbog along Wildbahn.

9. On 23 November, the Adolf Hitler camp in Forst Zinna was occupied by about 1,800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Between 13 and 22 November, troops engaged in close-order drill and practice marches in the billeting area and firing practice at the target ranges.

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10. On 21 November, 11 low, temporary barracks buildings in Stalag No I were occupied. Between 14 and 21 November, about 30 to 60 soldiers were seen in the camp area, engaged in instruction, carline firing and athletic exercises. 25X1

11. On 21 November, all low temporary buildings in Stalag No II were fully lighted at dusk. On 16 and 17 November, about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced the throwing of practice grenades on the athletic field directly east of the camp. On 17 November, 70 soldiers left the cantonment toward the wooded area south of the installation for firing practice with live ammunition. 25X1 On 16 and 19 November, two 13 x 2-mm rocket launchers practiced firing with live ammunition in the woods south of the camp.

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12. On 21 November, the former Kommandeur Maschinenfabrik was still occupied. Troops practiced firing with carbines on 18 November. No other training activity was seen in the Lilletting area.

1. [redacted] Comment. The report corresponds with observations made at other military posts. It is the impression that the term of service for Soviet officers in the Soviet Zone of Germany has been prolonged to five years. In conjunction with this, the officers were apparently allowed to have their families from the USSR join them. It seems that it was left to the officers to procure quarters for the dependents. As some of the German apartments had to be returned to the Germans, the families will be billeted in troop quarters. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. According to the weapons observed, Darm Fliegerhorst is still occupied by the 47th Cds Bbr Regt and the 2497th AA Regt of the 14th Cds Mech Div. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. Reports tends to indicate that the installations in Luckenwalde are occupied as was observed before. 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Hq Third Cds Mech Army as being stationed in Adolf Hitler Camp. 25X1

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